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Friends of Jonathan Reader attend a candlelight vigil yesterday near the intersection of Radcliffe Drive and Dunbrack Street where Reader was found unconscious three years ago. Reader later died in hospital from his injuries, and police are still investigating his murder.

# Candlelight vigil for Reader draws hundreds

Family of murdered teen relieved that police are still on the case

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**David Reader hopes last night's vigil for his murdered son is the last one.**

It was three years ago 19-year-old Jonathan Reader was found on the intersection of Radcliffe Drive and Dunbrack Street in Halifax. He was bleeding from a massive head wound and he later died in the hospital.

Several hundred people

**"I really don't think we could have gotten through the last three years without all of you ... It gives us strength"**

David Reader

attended last night's candlelight vigil at the intersection where Jonathan was found.

While police blocked off the road, people dropped off flowers around a lamp-post with pictures of Jonathan taped to it. A prayer was said for healing

and justice, then the family hugged and cried with supporters.

"I really don't think we could have gotten through the last three years without all of you," David told the somber crowd. "It gives us strength as a family, it motivates us more. It's an

honour to our son and we really thank you for that."

Police say they're closer to finding out what happened to Jonathan after he left the Pacifico Bar and Grill, then stopped at the Dutch Village Road Esso station. Less than an hour later he was found unconscious.

There's some relief that even three years later, the police haven't shut down the investigation and called it a cold case.

"We live on hope be-

cause we really can't find peace until we know who's been caught," David told reporters last night.

The support from the community is healing — especially on the day that brings back raw emotions, David said. But he hopes by next year the murder will be solved and there will be no need for another vigil.

"In my heart every year I hope that," he said. "But the community is showing us that they're behind us."

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# Local



## Smokin' parties nix smoking

If you want your party to rock, butt out. Atlantic Canadians are less likely to attend parties that allow smoking, according to a Leger Marketing survey. Atlantic smokers are more likely to take breaks at work, the survey also says. Ex-smokers here are more likely to say their partner smoked when they met than anywhere else, except Alberta. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Cops target drivers using cellphones

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Halifax

Transportation Minister Murray Scott is calling for a crackdown on drivers who break the law by continuing to use handheld cellphones, but police say the situation is under control.

Last week, police officers in New Glasgow observed 56 motorists breaking the cellphone bylaw in a five-hour period, raising questions about how the new law was enforced in HRM. "We do need that stepped-up enforcement," Scott said yesterday. "We also need to inform the public that this is against the law now."

As of April 1, it is illegal to use a handheld cellphone while operating a vehicle, including when stopped at traffic lights or stop signs. "I know at first, the police

were trying to ensure they gave the province time to adjust," Scott said. "I think now, when you see these kinds of results, obviously we need to continue to be strong in enforcing the law."

Theresa Rath, spokeswoman for Halifax Regional Police, said the department has been carrying out the law since Day 1.

"We felt there was adequate education and we moved directly to enforcement," she said. In fact, the traffic unit focused on cellphones and seatbelts in July.

Meanwhile, one unlucky woman who did pull over to answer her cellphone was robbed yesterday afternoon. She stopped at Mumford Road and Romans Ave. to take a call when an intoxicated white man in his 50s took her cash and bank cards at knifepoint. The woman was not injured.

## Busker Fest Crowd pleaser



Rudi Macaggi, an acrobat and entertainer from Milan, Italy, wows the crowd for the opening show of the Halifax International Busker Festival at Sackville Landing last night.

## News in brief

**DISMISSED** The Supreme Court of Canada dismissed an appeal by Andrew Paul Johnson of Halifax yesterday to remove his status as a dangerous offender, placed on him in 2001. He was arrested in 1997 when Nanaimo RCMP received complaints of a man dressed as an officer approaching young girls. Police stopped Johnson's car and found a 20-year-old mentally challenged woman

locked in the back seat. He pleaded guilty to kidnapping.

**DRUGS** One drug search in Dartmouth led to two others Wednesday. A Herbert Street apartment was searched and police seized \$88,000 worth of cocaine, marijuana, and ecstasy. Another apartment and vehicle was searched. Three men and a woman face trafficking charges. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Bliss times 8/8/8

Soon-to-be newlyweds hoping for a little luck today

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Halifax

**Halifax couples who are lucky in love are looking to lock that in with some Chinese good fortune today.**

In Cantonese, the iconic character for the number eight also sounds like "good luck," so today's date — 08-08-08 — bodes well for those matrimonially inclined. (It's also why the Chinese Olympic Games are opening today.)

Rev. Josephine Egan knows how lucky it is: 08-08-08 is her 38th birthday. The minister, who runs the Halifax Wedding Chapel with her ordained husband, says she's marrying several couples today.

Among the fortunate few are David Evans and Jessica Roche.

The Halifax couple has a knack for memorable dates: they got engaged on Valentine's Day last year.

"I think the whole seven years have been lucky," Roche, 24, said of her courtship with Evans. "I remember (meeting him) and saying, 'He's the one I'm going to marry.' It was love at first sight."

"(08-08-08) was David's decision. His main concern was he wanted to remem-



David Evans and his fiancée Jessica Roche hold a wedding dress rehearsal with Rev. Josephine Egan at the Saragay Club yesterday.

ber the date," the sign-language teacher said.

"He would probably tell you (it was romantically motivated)," she joked.

"It's going to be very easy for me to remember down the road," explained Evans, a 31-year-old auto-broker. "Oh yeah, and absolutely it bodes well."

Rev. Egan, who is of Malaysian-Chinese origin,

# 9,000

The number of reported Chinese couples planning to tie the knot today.

says her parents couldn't believe their good fortune when she was born.

"I think they thought they were lucky at the

time," she laughs. "Because the Chinese lunar calendar is behind, I was also born on the seventh day of the seventh month, so they were over the moon!"

Hundreds of weddings are expected to take place across Canada. Many couples married on 07-07-07 last year. It remains to be seen if 09-09-09 proves as popular.

## Office buildings downtown to drive up rental prices, real estate expert warns

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Office buildings will be shooting up in downtown Halifax, but a real estate consultant says a construction boom is premature.

Even though vacancy rates are the lowest in 30 years, Alexandra Baird Allen, a consultant with Turner Drake and Partners, said putting up new offices doesn't make sense.

According to a recent rental survey, the average rental rate downtown is \$18 per square foot, which is too low to recoup construction costs. Baird Allen said rates would have to be around \$28 a square foot for new

construction to be profitable.

The reason it's so cheap downtown — even with an historic low vacancy — is because office space is available in areas outside of downtown like Bayers Lake and Burnside. And these days businesses don't need a downtown presence.

New office buildings will increase the general rent in downtown, Baird Allen said.

"It does eventually creep up," she said. "Rental rates won't shoot up over night because a lot of people are in three to five year leases, but in order for construction to be feasible, rental rates are going to have to go up."

## In the works

Some of the office-building developments that are in the works:

- ECL Developments has plans for a 22-storey office tower called International Place on the Triangle Lands on Barrington Street.
- Nicknamed the Twisted Sisters, United Gulf Developments is planning a 27-storey development on Granville Street.
- Amour Group's Waterside Centre will be nine storeys on Lower Water Street.
- Louis Resnick is planning a 17-floor plus penthouse building on Barrington and Granville Streets

## Monday's Metro



## Interior Divine

Colin and Justin offer tips for maximum makeover.

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**Gala opening for farmer's market**

Feel like a Sunday drive? The grand opening of the Musquodoboit Harbour Farmer's Market is this Sunday at 7895 Highway #7, the railway museum. There'll be live music, dancing, and craft demonstrations. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Weight-loss surgery back

## Limited program expected to be fully underway in 3 to 4 years

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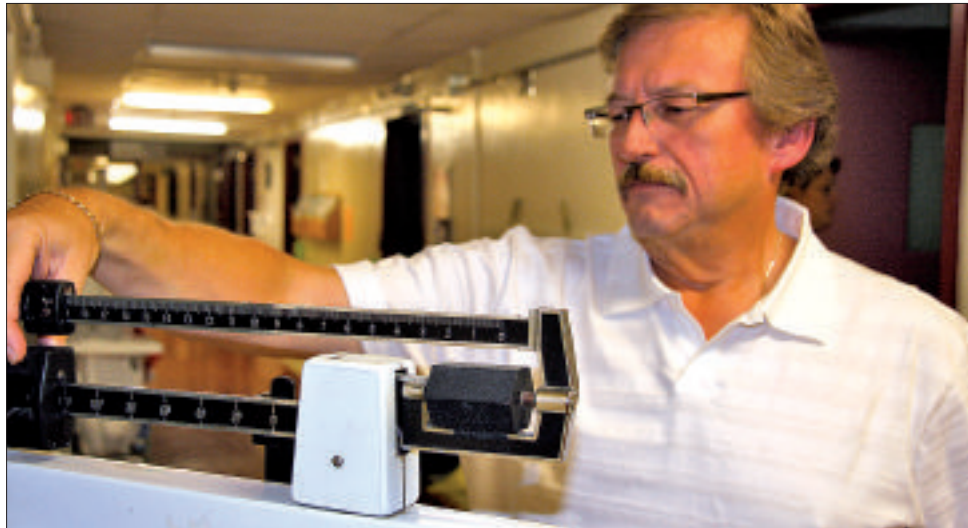
**Weight-loss surgery is now being performed on a limited basis in the province. But a huge backlog means many patients won't go under the knife anytime soon.**

About 1,000 morbidly obese people are on a wait list for the stomach-reducing surgery, says Dr. Jim Ellsmere, Capital Health's bariatric (weight-loss) surgery director, recruited from Boston in December.

A few years ago, the hospital cut back some elective surgeries, including bariatric surgery, due to a shortage in anesthesiologists and operating room time. People who could afford to left the province to get the surgery done or waited years in frustration to get it.

Ellesmere, who specializes in laparoscopic sleeve stomach resection, has performed 20 surgeries. He's training two other surgeons in Halifax, with the goal to perform 200 operations next year.

"It takes away their hunger," he said. "Because



Brian Butt, Capital Health's health services director of surgical specialties and renal program, says weight-loss surgery is part of the hospital's multi-faceted obesity program which is still in the works.

they're no longer hungry they don't struggle with caloric-restricted diets. As a result, they lose weight very quickly."

Patients typically lose up to 30 pounds in the first month and about 75 per cent of excess weight over one to two years.

Brian Butt, health services director of surgical specialties and renal program, says the surgery is part of the hospital's multi-faceted obesity program, which is still in the works. Involving surgeons, nurses, a psychologist, endocrinologist and nutrition

counseling, the program is expected to be fully underway in three to four years.

"What we hope to do in a program is to put some-

thing in place that's going to help people to not reach the stage where they need surgery to care for their obesity," Butt said.

### Saving lives

• In an ideal world, morbidly obese people wouldn't need surgery. They would lose weight slowly by eating less and exercising more, but bariatric surgical director Jim Ellsmere says that's very difficult to do.

"Once you become morbidly obese it becomes difficult to exercise," he said. "If you can't exercise and exert yourself it's very hard to lose weight and keep it off."

Ellsmere says the medical argument for the surgery is that it saves lives. "Studies have shown that there are less cancer deaths as well as cardiac deaths in those patients who undergo surgery for morbid obesity," he says.

Ellsmere says it costs society less to perform the surgery than to treat weight-related diseases, such as Type 2 diabetes and hypertension.

"From a society point of view it's actually a cost-effective measure," he says.

The most rewarding part is giving people back their lives, he says. Many people can't work because of their morbid obesity. "By losing 150 pounds they, all of a sudden, became a productive member of society again."

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

## Bracing for bad weather

JON TATTRIE

for Metro Halifax

Environment Minister Mark Parent says Nova Scotia needs to get ready to adapt to climate change as well as fight it.

The East Coast is set for a heavy season of tropical storms and possibly even hurricanes, with high water temperatures fomenting the wicked weather. Some link that to climate change and say Atlantic Canada could be hit harder as the planet heats up. The International Panel on Climate Change said rising sea levels could one day make Nova Scotia an island.

"The experts are telling me that despite any efforts

**"Despite any efforts at mitigation, we're still going to experience climate change."**

Mark Parent

at mitigation, we're still going to experience climate change," Parent said yesterday.

"We are also working with the four Atlantic provinces," the MLA said. "There is money for a climate-adaptation centre or centres in Atlantic Canada ... After northern Canada, Atlantic Canada is on the forefront of the effects (of climate change)."

"You're talking potentially big, big dollars," he

said of how much adaptation could cost.

He added it will be cheaper to address it sooner rather than later. Still, the province is taking preventative measures like weaning off coal in favour of renewable resources.

Cheryl Ratchford of the Ecology Action Centre said the group supports both preventative and adaptive actions.

"More needs to be done in terms of government policy to support local, renewable development," she said, suggesting the government help people who want to set up wind turbines. "Currently, renewable-energy production can only occur when Nova Scotia Power retracts proposals."

### News in brief

**BUILDING** A 100-year-old downtown New Glasgow building that used to house McCulloch & Company has been sold to a local lawyer. Jamie MacGillivray, of MacGillivray Law Office, says his plan is to demolish the building located at 131 Archimedes St. and transform

it into a parking area. The building currently houses two apartments. The project is set to begin in September.

**MUSEUM** Things are about to change drastically at the Cumberland County Museum and Archives. With the completion of a \$22,000 feasibility

study, the Amherst Township Historical Society, the organization that operates the Church Street museum, is laying the foundation for a half-million-dollar fundraising program to finance an addition to the historic former home of Father of Confederation R.B. Dickey.

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The province has given \$153,000 to finish renovations at a pool and wellness centre at the NSCC Akerley Campus in Dartmouth. The total renovations will cost \$460,000. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Noted sculptors work on church art

**SYDNEY** Eighteen months after Zion Wesley United Church in Gabarus Lake burned to the ground, construction has begun in earnest to replace the house of worship for about 80 members of the surrounding community.

One special piece of the rebuilding effort will include a sculpture derived from materials native to Cape Breton that will hold

special meaning among the local community, which is made up of many small fishing villages.

World-renowned sculptors Joe Landry and Brian Gazeley will design and build a sculpture that will be "larger than life," as Landry described it.

"We made the decision to give them a piece similar to the resurrected Christ that we did for the

National Cathedral and Ground Zero (in New York City)," Landry said from Halifax.

Landry expects to incorporate coal and steel — two of the economic building blocks of Cape Breton during most of the last century — and other materials such as white or Vatican stone, which is casting materials that produce stone-hard casts with

sparkling, stone-like texture.

It's unknown how long it'll take to complete the project.

Among the most remarkable pieces created by Landry and Gazeley have been sculptures commissioned to celebrate the 100th birthday of Rose Kennedy and the 99th birthday of the Queen Mother. **METRO HALIFAX**

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As part of her triathlon training, Sgt. Penny Hart bikes five kilometres to and from work every day. Yes, even when it rains.

## Iron Cop set for triathlon fundraiser

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**Note to crooks: If Penny Hart is the police officer chasing you, just give up.**

The Halifax Regional Police sergeant isn't merely fit. She's done so many half-triathlons she can't count them all. On Aug. 24, she'll do her first full triathlon, in Penticton, B.C., as part of the Iron Cops team fundraising for cancer research.

Hart trains a minimum three hours a day, and a maximum 10 — that's after a 10-hour shift.

"The word 'freak' has been used," laughs Hart, 40, who says she's in better shape than when she first started doing triathlons 15 years ago.

For those of us who don't spend half our day working out, a triathlon is a 3.8-kilometre swim, followed by a 180-kilometre bike ride, and then a nice, leisurely 42.2 kilometre run.

Hart expects to finish the triathlon in 12 to 13

hours, but she's not planning to watch the clock.

"You can do all the training you want, but there's a point at which it all becomes mental," she said. "I don't want to do this by the clock; I want to do this by how I feel."

Hart's goal is to run a marathon in every province. She's done five so far.

"I'm thinking that's 3 ½ hours. I'm used to that. That's nothing."

Det.-Const. Darrell Longley is joining her on the triathlon, along with two civilians. They're hoping to raise \$20,000. They're part of a national triathlon team, Iron Cops, which raised \$1.3 million during a 2006 triathlon and is hoping to beat that this year.

Hart and Longley are getting their heads shaved Aug. 15 at a 5 p.m. fundraiser at the Frigate Pub, below the Pogue Fado. It features live entertainment, and it's open to the public. If you'd like to pledge, call the Canadian Cancer Society at 423-6183.

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## News in brief

**FIELDS SATURATED** Continued rainfall has made it impossible for some Cape Breton farmers to work their fields. This is a busy time of year for farmers, many of whom are harvesting early crops and replanting fields. "The soil is saturated with water, a lot of our fields

look more like lakes," said Joe King, manager of Eyking Brothers produce division. "In areas that are hilly, we're losing soil due to constant runoff." Because of the size of his crops and food safety regulations, King harvests his lettuce by machine. With the recent

heavy rains, it has become impossible to drag the machine through the mud.

**AGENCY ANNIVERSARY** The Annapolis Digby Economic Development Agency recently celebrated its first anniversary and announced its new execu-

tive. Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton is the new chair; vice-chair is Paul Stackhouse, proprietor of The Hillsdale House Inn and chair of the Annapolis Region Tourism Council (ARTC); and secretary-treasurer is Annapolis County chief financial officer, Gerald Hack-

enschmidt. Newton replaces Municipality of the District of Digby Warden James Thurber. At the agency's recent annual general meeting, Newton thanked Thurber for his contribution to the agency and for his continued dedication to the community. METRO HALIFAX

## Postal workers call for review input

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**Canada Post employees are worried that a federal review of the corporation is not transparent enough and will result in job losses, fewer services and higher prices in rural areas.**

New Democrat MP Peter Stoffer and MLA Graham Steele held a press conference yesterday with Jeff Callaghan, national director Atlantic region for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to publicly share their concerns.

Callaghan worries the privatization of Canada Post is on the horizon because other countries have done so and the chair of the Canada Post Strategic Review panel, Robert Campbell, has been a proponent of deregulation in the past.

"Canada Post must not be deregulated," Callaghan said. "We can't go down the road as other countries have around the world with devastating effects to services."

Callaghan says the period for input (May to September 2) is also too short and no public hearings are scheduled. He's upset that it's during the summer months when many are away on vacation.

Transport Canada spokesman Jean Riverin says the guiding principals of the review clearly indicate, "Canada Post will not be privatized and will remain a crown corporation."

While part of the review will focus on the corporation's ability to remain financially self-sustaining, Riverin says "Nothing is even finalized right now as far as collecting all the information necessary."

He said the review panel is independent from Canada Post and the department, and was chosen by a separate body.

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The theme is "Libraries Without Borders" but at least four overseas presenters failed to get visas for the International Federation of Library Associations conference in Quebec starting today because they were considered threats to try and remain in the country after it ended. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Canada/World

## Mothers stage protest in H&M

JEFF HODSON  
Metro Canada

A horde of breastfeeding women overran a downtown Vancouver clothing store yesterday in a noon-hour "nurse-in" protest, sparked by reports that a new mother was asked to breastfeed in a private fitting room.

Around 150 mothers with their babies (and almost as many strollers) crowded into the newly opened H&M on Granville Street and nursed en masse: some sitting on the floor, other standing in crowded aisles.

An organizer of the rally seemed shocked that so



Carli Spielman, nurses her daughter Frankie, 2, at the H&M clothing store downtown Vancouver yesterday.

many mothers showed up. "I was thinking five people — that'd be great," said Veronika Polanska. "Ten —

that's even better. Fifteen — yeah. Twenty — it's a victory. But it seems to be a little more than that."

The nurse-in was called after a Chilean graduate student claimed she was asked by staff to stop breastfeeding on the sales floor and move to a special fitting room.

On Saturday, Manuela Valle, 34, a PhD student in women's and gender studies at the University of B.C., was at the store with her husband and two-month-old daughter Ramona.

Valle started breastfeeding, but was soon asked to stop and move to a private fitting room.

Laura Shankland, a spokeswoman for H&M, said the situation was being investigated and that she was sorry it happened.



Dancers perform in Tiananmen Square ahead of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games yesterday.

## Beijing buzzing ahead of Games

**FINAL TOUCHES** Beijingers waved flags, painted their faces and snapped pictures of Olympics venues Friday morning, excited about the opening of the Games after years of planning, hoping and waiting.

Newspapers splashed pictures of fireworks and the showpiece venues. Commuters crammed into a subway car all silently pored over a special Olympic supplement blaring a headline "Realising the dream."

"I never thought I'd see this day. We just feel so fortunate and happy," said Shi Le, 73, out for a morning stroll.

When she moved to Beijing from the countryside 50 years ago, China was poor, diplomatically isolated and gripped by the fervour of radical Communism.

Now China is using the Games to highlight its rise into the world's fourth-largest economy and most

Beijing residents are proud to see the capital in the global media spotlight.

"There are so many more cars and people here now. Everyone has a television. Eating enough is never a problem these days. To see the country develop to this level makes me very satisfied," Shi said.

Nearby, residents snaked around the corner outside a post office to buy commemorative stamps only available on Aug. 8,

2008, a day picked to open the Games because of the auspicious symbolism of the number eight in Chinese. Near the Olympic venues, throngs of families snapped photos, some of them with Chinese flags painted on their cheeks. At one Beijing salon, hairdressers painted the Olympic rings and slogans on their arms in glitter.

Even threats of rain won't put a damper on the opening ceremonies said officials.

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### News in brief

**BEAR ATTACKS** A bear was shot in a Coquitlam, B.C. neighbourhood after it broke into a home yesterday morning — the second aggressive bear shot in the area in two days. On Wednesday, a 49-year-old woman was attacked by another bear in the same neighbourhood while gardening.

**NUCLEAR BIDS** Atomic Energy of Canada and partner SNC-Lavalin Group want the Canadian government to provide billions of dollars in financing for their bid to build two nuclear reactors in Ontario, because their foreign competitors have government back funding for their bids. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Canada purchases six helicopters from U.S.

**AFGHANISTAN** Canada will overcome a critical shortage of military transport helicopters in Afghanistan by buying six used machines from the United States as well as leasing six Russian-made air-craft, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said yesterday.

Canada has no transport helicopters in Afghanistan and, in MacKay's words, has been reduced to "hitching rides with allies." Canada has 2,500 troops in the southern city

of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011.

Ottawa will buy six used Boeing Co Chinook helicopters from the U.S. government for a sum not exceeding \$292 million. The aircraft are already in action and will be available for operations by February 2009.

In addition, Canada will lease six Russian-made Mil Mi-8 helicopters for a year for up to \$36 million, depending on how much they are used.

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## MP downplays PM's absence

**POLITICS** Foreign Affairs Minister David Emerson is heading Canada's delegation at today's opening of the Beijing Olympics.

When Emerson isn't wishing Canadian athletes the best, much of his time in Beijing will be spent meeting with Chinese officials, including his counterpart Yang Jiechi, a spokesperson for Emerson's office said.

Emerson insists Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who has made no secret of his concerns over China's human rights record, is not snubbing the People's

Republic by not attending the Games. He says Harper has encouraged him to improve relations with China.

"We're now at a stage where both China and Canada are very happy to engage in ways that will enable us to continue to express our differences," Emerson told reporters in Beijing yesterday. "I think everybody's aware that there has been a bit of testiness in the Canada-China relationship in the last couple of years."



David Emerson

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**Car design firm head Pininfarina dies in scooter crash**

Andrea Pininfarina, 51, head of the company which designs Ferraris, Fiats and the Ford Focus, died in a road crash yesterday near the Italian city of Turin, riding his Vespa scooter. He was married to aristocrat Cristina Maddalena Pellion di Persano. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Wal-Mart workers win appeal

**JOBLESS** Wal-Mart Inc. suffered a defeat yesterday when the Supreme Court agreed to hear a challenge of the company's 2005 decision to close a Quebec store that had been the first in North America to obtain union certification.

Former employees charged they had unfairly lost their jobs because of their union activities. Wal-Mart's Canadian subsidiary insisted that they had lost their jobs for the "good and sufficient reason" of the closure of the store.

The Supreme Court gave no hint of which way it was leaning on the issue, but its decision to hear the case keeps the workers' hopes alive. **REUTERS**

## Makeover for Bell

### Beavers get boot, unit names simplified

**Change is in the air at soon-to-be-privatized BCE Inc. with Bell Canada's incoming owners looking at a major brand makeover.**

After revealing earlier this month that "spokes-beavers" Frank and Gordon are being handed severance packages — along with 2,500 managers — Bell is rolling out a national brand campaign today that coincides with the beginning of the Olympic Games in Beijing.



Bell ExpressVu will now be known simply as Bell TV.

The new fur-free look in-

cludes a more contemporary take on the company's blue logo and a tagline that reads "Today just got better" in English Canada and "La vie est Bell" in Quebec. Bell is also simplifying the names of some of its business units to more clearly communicate the products and services being offered. Bell Sympatico will become Bell Internet while Bell ExpressVu will be known as Bell TV.

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## THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### High Liner share offering:

High Liner Foods has sold 66,100 new issue non-voting equity shares for \$8 per share, for total gross proceeds of \$528,800. It will use the proceeds for general corporate purposes. The shares have been posted for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol HLFA.

### Cruise ship delayed:

A luxury 214-passenger cruise ship being built at the Halifax Shipyard is behind schedule. Pearl Seas Cruises had hoped to take delivery of the ship in May 2008, but acknowledged that delays in construction mean it will not be ready until early 2009. Halifax Shipyard was awarded the contract in April 2007 to build the vessel intended for summer sailing in the St. Lawrence and eastern North American coastal waters, with a winter schedule in the Caribbean. The original contract called for a 166-passenger vessel, but Pearl Seas asked to increase the size to accommodate 214 passengers, delaying construction.

### Jazz executive appointments:

Jazz Air LP yesterday announced executive appointments that it said were part of ongoing cost-saving initiatives. Nick Careen has been appointed senior vice-president of operations, Colin Copp senior vice-president of employee relations and Jolene Mahody senior vice-president of operations support.

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## Taxis Move over London cab



A Mercedes London taxi drives beside a traditional London cab in London yesterday. German car giant Daimler AG wants London cabbies to swap their five-seater classic cab made by British firm LTI Vehicles for the minivan-style Mercedes Vito Taxi which seats six, has electric sliding doors and pollutes less.

## Business in brief

**PROFITS** Tim Hortons' profit jumped 11.5 per cent in the second quarter, thanks in part to higher prices, but some analysts questioned the sustaina-

bility of such gains. Edward Jones analyst Brian Yarbrough said 75 to 80 per cent of the same store sales gains was due to price increases. **REUTERS**

## Needs convenience

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The Los Angeles Clippers signed veteran guard Jason Williams, who had been with the Miami Heat. Last season, in 67 games, Williams averaged 8.8 points and 4.6 assists per game, both career lows. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Favre Jets away to the Big Apple

Brett Favre, left, officially joined the New York Jets yesterday in a press conference before the team's preseason game in Cleveland. According to NFL.com, the Packers will receive a fourth-round draft pick in 2009 and the selection would turn into a third-round pick if Favre plays in 50 percent of the plays this season, a second-round pick if he plays in 70 percent and the Jets make the playoffs, or a first-round pick if he plays in 80 percent and the Jets make it to the Super Bowl. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Nova Scotia open set for first serve

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**TENNIS** Top tennis players from around the province will come to Halifax this weekend for the 100th playing of the Steele Subaru Nova Scotia Open.

The Men's and Women's singles titles were first played in 1901, though they missed eight years due to war. Sarah Tremaine is the top-seeded woman, while Adam Becker of Bridgewater comes into the tournament at the Waegwoltic club as the No. 1 seed on the men's side.

"It feels good. A little bit of pressure, you know," said Becker, 23, a student at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Right behind him is long-time friend and opponent Phil Anderson, ranked No. 2.

"I've played Phil a lot. A lot of these guys I've grown up playing against," said Becker. "We put the friendship aside and kind of do



Bridgewater's Adam Becker comes into Steele Subaru Nova Scotia Open at the Waegwoltic club this weekend ranked as the No. 1 male player. Becker first played in the tournament at the age of 12.

battle."

In fact, the last time Becker played in the tournament in 2005 he got eliminated by Anderson. Earlier this month Anderson lost in a final round

tiebreaker at the Canadian under-18 doubles championship.

In all, 261 participants are expected in 32 events — a new record for the tournament.

### Local Olympians Competition dates

- David Kikuchi, Fall River, gymnastics, tomorrow.
- Tracy Cameron, Subenacadie, rowing, Sunday.
- Oliver Bone, Halifax sailing — 470, Monday.
- Lisa Ross, Lunenburg sailing: laser radial, Tuesday.
- Eric Gillis, Antigonish, track: 10,000m, Sunday, Aug. 17.
- Andrew Russell, Dartmouth, Canoe-2 1,000m, Monday, Aug. 18, C-2 500m, Tuesday, Aug. 19.
- Karen Furneaux, Waverley, Kayak-4 500m, Monday, Aug. 18, K-1 500m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

## No borders for athletes

### YorkReport

#### Marty York

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As the Olympics open in Beijing today, I can't help but wonder what will happen to Becky Hammon when Russia meets the United States in women's basketball.

Big Shot Becky, as she's known for her wizardry in the U.S.-based WNBA, was born and raised in South Dakota and played college basketball at Colorado State before turning pro in New York and San Antonio.

In Beijing, she'll be Russia's point guard.

I kid you not. Becky has no Russian background but, after being bypassed for the U.S. team, she signed a \$2-million, four-year contract with CS-KA Moscow to play in the Euroleague during the WNBA's off-seasons. Included in her contract was Russian citizenship.

Now, Hammon aims to lead Russia to gold. Already, she's received vicious hate

### Daughter's tip

• The B.C. Lions are starting to rely heavily on fullback Rolly Lumbala, a Calgarian recommended to the club by Christie Buono, daughter of coach Wally Buono. For details, read Marty York's CFL Report, exclusively at [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca).

mail from Americans. And U.S. coach Anne Donovan said: "If you play in the USA, live in the USA and you grew up in the heartland — and then you put on a Russian uniform — you are not a patriotic person in my mind."

This could get ugly.

• There's a Russian in the NFL.

Sergey Ivanov, a 23-year-old safety from Moscow, is at the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' training camp. He won't make the team but will play in NFL Europe and could be a Buc next season.

"If American football was popular in Russia, I'd be rich," Ivanov said. "I'm the first Russian in the NFL. Nobody knows me in Russia, but my dream came true."

• And then there's Jujie Luan, the 50-year-old fencer

we first told you about back in June. She'll represent Canada at the Olympics but is a legend in China, where she was born and still ranks as the country's only gold medalist in fencing.

Turns out Jujie's been training since July in China — at a sports centre that bears her name.

Jujie was a promising runner and badminton player in China at 16, when authorities ordered her to start fencing, against her wishes. "In China," she said, "you do what you're told."

• Remember this name: David Price. He's a blue-chip prospect, 10-0 in the minor leagues and about to join the already-formidable pitching staff of the Tampa Bay Rays ... The St. Louis Cardinals' Troy Glaus, traded by the Blue Jays after last season, is a lock as the NL's Gold Glove third baseman ... There'll be many empty seats at the Buffalo Bills' exhibition game in Toronto next Thursday, largely because the game's promoters blew it with outrageous ticket prices.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

### SCOREBOARD

#### MLB

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 6 Oakland 4

N.Y. Yankees 3 Texas 0

Detroit at Chicago White Sox

Tampa Bay at Seattle

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Florida 3 Philadelphia 0

L.A. Dodgers 4 St. Louis 1

N.Y. Mets 5 San Diego 3

Washington 6 Colorado 3 (1st gm)

Washington 6 Colorado 3 (2nd gm)

Houston 7 Cincinnati 4

Atlanta at Arizona

##### TODAY'S GAMES

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland at Detroit, 8:05

Texas at Baltimore, 8:05

Cleveland at Toronto, 8:07

Minnesota at Kansas City, 9:10

Boston at Chicago White Sox, 9:11

N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, 11:05

Tampa Bay at Seattle, 11:10

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 3:20

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:05

Florida at N.Y. Mets, 8:10

Houston at Cincinnati, 8:10

Washington at Milwaukee, 9:05

San Diego at Colorado, 10:05

Atlanta at Arizona, 10:40

L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 11:15

##### CFL

Oakland at Detroit, 8:05

Montreal at Toronto, 8:05

Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8:30

Calgary at Saskatchewan, 8:30

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### Sports in brief

**MLB** Scott Rolen and John McDonald drove in two runs apiece to lead the Blue Jays over the Oakland Athletics, 6-4, to secure a sweep of the four-game set in Toronto.

**MLB** The Philadelphia Phillies have acquired veteran reliever Scott Eyre from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for minor league pitcher Brian Schlitter.

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## China's flag bearer named

NBA basketball player Yao Ming is to carry the host nation's flag at the opening ceremony today. **REUTERS**

# Beijing Games

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## Islamist group threatens attacks

**SECURITY** An Islamist group has threatened attacks against the Olympics and urged Muslims to keep away from any activities linked to its events, two U.S.-based terrorism monitoring firms said yesterday.

"The Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP) issued a new threat ... against the Beijing Olympics," the SITE Intelligence Group reported. A similar report was carried by IntelCenter. "Do not stay on the same bus, on the same train, on the same plane, in the same buildings, or any place the Chinese are," SITE quoted TIP as saying in a video dated Aug. 1.

In the video, the speaker "describes the barbarism exhibited by China towards Muslims and East Turkistan, justifying the jihad that is declared against the communist regime," SITE said. **REUTERS**

## Men's eight seek redemption

World champion rowers eye gold after disappointing finish in 2004

MARTY YORK  
Metro Canada



**They're world champions, just as they were before the Athens Olympics. And they're determined to win the gold medal at the Summer Olympics, just as they were in 2004.**

But will the Canadian men's eight rowing team be disappointed, just as they were four years ago?

"We are going to Beijing to get the job done," team member Dominic Seiterle said. "We've been obsessed with this. Hour by hour. Stroke by stroke. Our goal is to confirm that we really are the best this time."

The Canadian crew has been training feverishly

**"Our goal is to confirm that we really are the best this time."**

Dominic Seiterle

two or three times daily to make amends for 2004.

Despite arriving at Athens with the world championship, the Canadian men's eight finished a disappointing fifth in the Olympic final. It's been gnawing at them ever since. Last year, they won the world championship again in Japan.

"But," team captain Kyle Hamilton said, "I'd trade every world championship for one Olympic gold medal."



The Canadian men's eight rowing team has been training feverishly to make amends for 2004.

But what's changed for them since Athens?

Well, first, their boat. The crew has elected to dump the Canadian model it has used since 2002. They'll be racing in Beijing with a boat made in Germany.

"Some brands just feel a little better," said Hamilton, a native of Richmond,

B.C. "It's not really much different than a golfer changing his clubs. We're looking for every edge we can get, and we feel better with the boat we're using now."

Of course, it's not the carriage that wins the race. It's the horses. And the Canadians believe they have the horses, most of whom are

from B.C. — Hamilton, Seiterle, Kevin Light, Ben Rutledge and Malcom Howard. Coxswain Brian Price, newcomer Andrew Byrnes and Adam Kreek are from Ontario. Jake Wetzell is from Saskatchewan.

• The men's eight will be looking to secure a spot in the final by winning their heat on Sunday.

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# Style



## Battling cruelty with nudity

Champion swimmer Amanda Beard, left, is being called not only one of the sexiest but also one of the most compassionate Olympic athletes of all time. Beard, who appeared in Playboy magazine in 2007, now bares all in a new PETA ad protesting fashion furs with the tagline "Be Comfortable in Your Own Skin. Don't Wear Fur." According to a press release on the athlete's website ([amandabeard.net](http://amandabeard.net)), Beard posed nude to help raise awareness of the cruelty inherent in the fur industry. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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# Game on footwear

With the Olympics finally here, what better time to strap your feet into a pair of Grecian sandals?

Perhaps because there were no lucrative footwear sponsorships – unlike the label-crazed Olympics today – the ancient Greek athletes ran in bare feet.

And with Olympic fever beginning to mount as the Games in Beijing draw closer, ordinary mortals are taking to the streets in one

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## Man of Thunder

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Ben Stiller initially hesitated about acting in *Tropic Thunder*, the movie he was writing and directing. His original pick for the role of Tugg Speedman? None other than Tom Cruise.

### movies

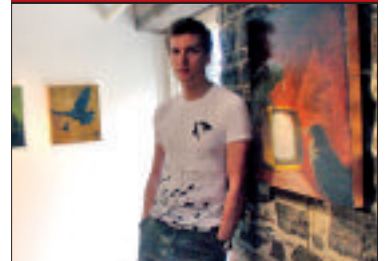
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Yep, Star Wars are back again with Clone Wars.

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This artist painted what haunted him — blackbirds.

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# Actors get Thunder-struck

Stars take us behind the scenes and on the set of Ben Stiller's latest comedy

KIM LINEKIN  
for Metro Canada

**Everyone in Tropic Thunder owes something to someone else. Before making the film, Ben Stiller hesitated about acting in it as well as cowriting and directing.**

The guy he envisioned as Tugg Speedman, action star so desperate for a hit that he makes a war movie in a real jungle with hidden cameras? Tom Cruise. "(Cruise) was lined up to play Ben's part, then Ben rethought it and put himself in the role," says Steve Coogan, who plays the director within the film.

According to Justin Theroux, Stiller's cowriter and executive producer, "In my mind, Ben was always going to play that part. He's done aging action stars well, previously in The Ben Stiller Show."

But Cruise is a friend of Stiller's, and got involved anyway. "He read the script and he was like, 'You have fun (mocking) actors – it'd be great to see you doing something with a



Jack Black, left, and Ben Stiller are two of the stars in *Tropic Thunder*, which opens Wednesday.

studio guy," says Stiller.

Thus, the character of Les Grossman, foul-mouthed studio boss, was born, and Cruise was hooked.

"The studio head character was pretty small originally, and it was Tom who

kept saying, 'That character should be bigger,' and eventually he ended up playing it," says Coogan.

It's not hard to see why Cruise wanted to poke fun at studio heads, given his well-publicized 2006 rift

with Viacom CEO Sumner Redstone.

"There's nothing better for an actor in Tom's position than to be able to satirize that which he is involved in, and he went at it with glee," says Nick Nolte,

whose own Vietnam vet character owes something to Oliver Stone.

Interestingly, Robert Downey Jr.'s character — an acclaimed Australian actor who dyes his skin to play an African American — wasn't

**"There's nothing better for an actor in Tom's position than to be able to satirize."**

Nick Nolte on  
Tom Cruise's role

based on Russell Crowe.

"He was written as an Irishman," reveals Stiller, "then (Downey) said, 'I think I can improvise better in Australian.'"

Downey's inspiration remained Irish. "I was thinking of Colin Ferrell, particularly when I'm standing out on the balcony (naked). I also wanted to have a love child in my hand. I just wanted to be like, 'How dare you look at this baby I had with this woman you've never met?'"

Downey was so inspired by *Tropic Thunder*, he got Theroux the job of writing the Iron Man sequel.

"It's hugely intimidating," admits Theroux, "but also exciting because you're writing for Robert Downey Jr. So at the end of the day, that's an enormous amount of fun."

## Movie morsels

### Pineapple Express

★★★★  
**REVIEW** Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a *Midnight Run*-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Sure, it's a hollow story

and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

### Swing Vote

★★★  
**REVIEW** Earnest (Bud) Johnson — an affable small-town screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the

U.S. Presidential election — is pretty much the prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day.

The film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

Adam Nayman/Metro Canada

### The Mummy

### Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

★★★  
**REVIEW** Rick O'Connell (Brendan Fraser) returns to action with his wife (Maria Bello) after his son digs up the tomb of an evil Emperor and ... well, as O'Connell exclaims, "there's a mummy on the loose!" Nobody expects perfection from this type of movie, but here, dialogue is expository and unfunny and the

visual effects only mildly distract from a plot that leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000 year old bag of bones.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

### The Dark Knight

★★★★★  
**REVIEW** The follow-up to *Batman Begins* definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path.

When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

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## Reel Times

# Contrasting role at centre of Amal

JIM REYNO  
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Amal, the hero of director Richie Mehta's movie of the same name, is a unique mix. Rickshaw driver, mama's boy. Retentive and placid, yet devoted and passionate. Part Forrest Gump, part Jesus Christ.

"I think that's the best way to put it," said Rupinder Nagra, who portrays Amal. "That's what it is: He's got all these saintly qualities, but yet he's oblivious to it all."

Amal drives a rickshaw in bustling New Delhi, India.

In a world where everyone is trying to get an edge or a buck, Amal isn't. As the story and the financial stakes escalate around him, Amal stays put.

"Here you've got a guy who's a nice guy, which you don't normally see on

the screen," said Nagra over coffee in Toronto. "Nice guys who aren't corrupted and don't have to go through redemption and all that stuff."

"But on top of that, he doesn't do things because he wants anything in return. He doesn't even realize how nice he is. To him, this is just the way you lead your life."

Amal, an entry in last year's Toronto International Film Festival, has won numerous awards on the festival circuit, prizes picked by both critics and fans.

But if Nagra had acted on his initial reading of the story, he wouldn't have taken the role. It was the ending that got to him.

"I read it, and I was really upset," Nagra said about the short story (written by Shaun Mehta, the director's brother) the film is based on.

"I remember if took me half an hour to call Richie (Mehta) because it just blew me away. It made me look at myself, and how do I value success?"

"When I realized that, I was like, 'Oh my God — this is an amazing story.' But a tricky portrayal for Nagra. You might call it acting from within."

"Richie and I had lots of conversations about that," said the Indian-born, Hamilton-raised actor. "It's really about, OK — these are the emotions, but then reel them in, and keep them inside. I remember the first couple of days of shooting, it was a challenge because you want to react to something, or you could go over the top in terms of really, really holding it back in."

"Once I found that zone of how to play him, I was really comfortable keeping it inside."



Rupinder Nagra plays the title role in Amal.

# Smith's porn comedy gets rating reprieve

Clerks director Kevin Smith has made a porn movie the whole family can watch. His racy comedy, Zack and Miri Make a Porno, successfully appealed its restrictive NC-17 rating, and will be released on Oct. 31 with an R rating, which allows viewers under 17 to see it as long as they are accompanied by an adult, distributor Weinstein Co. said.

Films tagged with an NC-17 are off limits to anyone aged 17 and under, and generally disappear at the box office. No NC-17 films have been released since 2005, according to the Motion Picture Assn of America, which administers the ratings system.

Zack and Miri Make a Porno stars Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks as roommates and platonic friends who make a pornographic film to escape ruinous debt. But they soon find out creating a porno is more emotionally complicated than they had expected.

It was initially given an NC-17 rating for "some graphic sexuality." The MPAA said it overturned the rating on Tuesday, after hearing statements from



Kevin Smith

Smith and Weinstein Co. attorney Alan Friedman.

"This is a great day for Kevin Smith fans and we are grateful that the MPAA's appeals board was able to overturn what we felt was an unwarranted and overly restrictive rating," Harvey Weinstein, co-chairman of the Weinstein Co., said in a statement.

Even with an R rating, the filmmakers still face numerous marketing restrictions aimed at protecting youngsters.

The biggest R-rated comedy in the last 10 years was 2005's Wedding Crashers,

which made \$209 million US, and ranks No. 80 among all-time movies, according to tracking firm Box Office Mojo. It incidentally featured a cameo by Republican presidential contender John McCain. Two of Smith's previous comedies, Clerks and the 2004 Jersey Girl, also had their original MPAA rating overturned by the appeals board, the Weinstein Co. said. Clerks ended up with an R rating and Jersey Girls got a PG-13, which warns that "some material may be inappropriate for children under 13."

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Yoda returns — in animation — in Star Wars: The Clone Wars, opening this weekend.

## Star Wars goes the animation route

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



**FEATURE** George Lucas is a boldfaced liar. He said he was finished with the Star Wars franchise.

Forever. But sure enough, here we are, three years after Revenge of the Sith hit theatres and sci-fi fans are gearing up for the big-screen return of Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

Set sometime between the Attack of the Clones and the Sith, this installment pits Anakin Skywalker in the middle of an intergalactic war led by Count Dooku.

There, he joins Obi-Wan to lead the charge against the separatist army for the freedom of the Old Republic (it helps if you've seen the other movies).

Yes, it's all very exciting but there's just one catch: The Clone Wars is a cartoon. "Animation is an area George has always wanted

to explore," director Dave Filoni says during an interview at Lucas' Big Rock Ranch outside of San Francisco.

"As far back as his college days he worked a little bit in animation. He loved old Warner Brothers cartoons so it was kind of a natural for him."

Well, Lucas did actually have a hand in helping launch Pixar — the animation giant behind Wall-E and Finding Nemo.

As such, Lucas decided to tell his Star Wars story combining such disparate influences as computer animation and anime.

"It allowed us to be very dynamic and aggressive with the things in Star Wars," explains Filoni.

"All the things that were pushing your imagination already, we slid into an animation world and really intensified."

"I had a lot of free-

dom. Pretty much (Lucas) said make it something nobody had ever seen before and make it great and he sent me out the door." With that freedom, Filoni was able to craft new characters, including Ahsoka Tano, a young Jedi who is assigned the task of Skywalker's apprentice.

"The writer and I kind of thought, 'well, it would be great to have a girl'."

"We haven't seen a girl Jedi really as a focus character," insists Filoni.

"It was fun. I got to pick what alien species she is because she's not totally human."

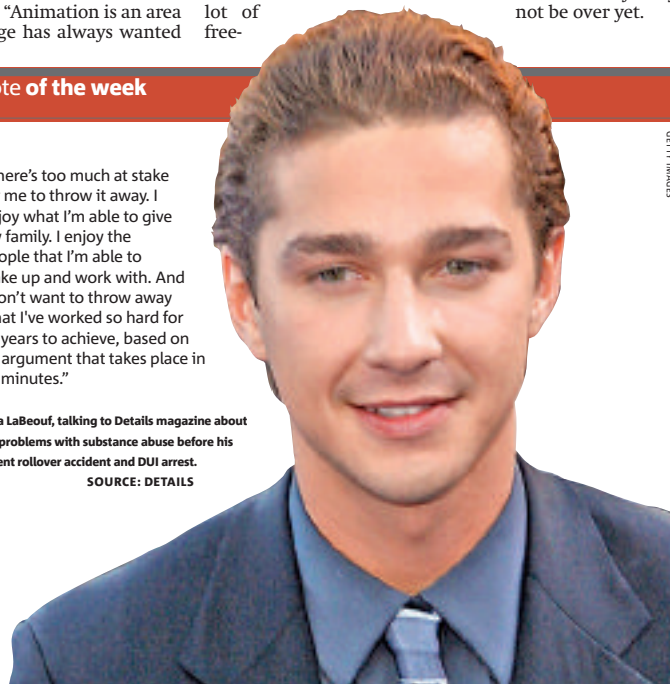
Time will tell how audiences will react to Ahsoka (will she be Boba Fett or Jar Jar Binks?) or if fans will embrace this latest Star Wars installment, but one thing's for sure — if George Lucas is satisfied, this galaxy from long ago and far, far away may not be over yet.

### Quote of the week

"There's too much at stake for me to throw it away. I enjoy what I'm able to give my family. I enjoy the people that I'm able to wake up and work with. And I don't want to throw away what I've worked so hard for 12 years to achieve, based on an argument that takes place in 20 minutes."

Shia LaBeouf, talking to Details magazine about his problems with substance abuse before his recent rollover accident and DUI arrest.

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## Screen Times

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**Pineapple Express** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Tue 12:40-1:20-3:15-4:20-6:45-7:05-9:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed 12:40-3:15-4:20-6:45-7:05-9:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 12:40-1:20-3:15-4:20-6:45-7:05-9:15-9:45

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**Singh Is Kinning** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40-6:40-9:25

**Space Chimps** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 1:40-4:40 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu

**Step Brothers** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:40

**Swing Vote** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:45

**Tropic Thunder** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-1:40-3:15-4:40-7:10-9:05-9:40

**WALL-E** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:30

**The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 9 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu

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**The Dark Knight: The IMAX Expe-**



Seth Rogen, left and James Franco star in *Pineapple Express*, which is currently in theatres.

**rience** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 12:3-15:6:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 12:3-15:6:30-9:45

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**The Dark Knight** (PG) Fri-Sun 2-8 Mon-Thu 8

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**The Dark Knight** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri 12:15-12:50-3:30-4:10-7:20-8:45 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sat 12:15-3:30-7:20-8:45 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Sun-Tue 12:15-12:50-3:30-4:10-7:20-8:45 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:15-3:30-7:20

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20

**Mongol** (14) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Wed 12:20-3:10-6:20-9:10 Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Thu 12:20-3:10-9:10

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:30-9:15

**Opus Arte — Spartacus** (Ballet)

(STC) Stadium Seating Sat 1

**Pineapple Express** (18) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:3-40-6:50-9:30

**Step Brothers** (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:30-3:7-10-9:40 Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:30-3:7-30-9:50

**Swing Vote** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 12:35-3:15-7-9:35 Stadium Seating Thu 12:35-3:15-9:35

**Tropic Thunder** (18) No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:50-4:7-10-9:40

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**The Dark Knight** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 2:10-6:30-9:45 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:3-10:6:30-9:45 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:10-6:30-9:45

**Hancock** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 9:20

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 2:50-6:45-9:15 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-4:6:45-9:15 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:50-6:45-9:15

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon**

**Emperor** (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 2:7-10-9:50 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-7:10-9:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:7-10-9:50

**Pineapple Express** (18) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 2:20-7-9:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:3-40-7-9:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 2:20-7-9:30

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 2:45-6:40-9:20 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:3-50-6:40-9:20 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 2:45-6:40-9:20

**Step Brothers** (14) Stadium Seating Fri 2:15-7:15-9:40 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-7:15-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:15-7:15-9:40

**Tropic Thunder** (18) Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 2:40-7:10-9:40

**WALL-E** (G) Stadium Seating Fri 2:30-7 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:30-3:7 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 2:30-7

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**The Dark Knight** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 6:30-9:30 Dolby Stereo

Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2:6-30-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30

**Get Smart** (PG) Fri 6:35-8:50 Sat-Sun 2:10-6:35-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:35-8:50

**Hancock** (PG) Fri-Thu 6:55-8:55

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG) Fri-Thu 6:40-9:10

**Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) Sat-Sun 2:25

**Kung Fu Panda** (PG) Sat-Sun 2:20

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 2:15-6:45-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:45-9:10

**The X-Files: I Want to Believe** (14) Fri 6:50-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:05-6:50-9:05 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:05

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**Hancock** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium

Seating Fri-Tue 6:45-9:05

**Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:15

**Mamma Mia!** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:20-9:55

**The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:05-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:30-9:10

**Pineapple Express** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:3-40-6:35-9:25

**The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7-9:50

**Space Chimps** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:30-4

**Step Brothers** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-6:55-9:35

**Swing Vote** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:7-15-10

**Tropic Thunder** (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:15-9:55

**WALL-E** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-4:10-7:10-9:30

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## Music

## Busker Festival set to hit the streets

Haliwood **Headlines****Nikki Balch**

The 22nd annual Halifax International Busker Festival kicks off this weekend on the Halifax waterfront, packing six stages with non-stop entertainment for 10 days. More than 500 performers, including magicians, martial artists, dance, acrobatics and more, will be on hand. Maritimers will make their mark at the festival too. Daniel Mahoney, Greg Ferguson, Marissa Gough and Canadian Idol's Luke and Jock will join Rec'N Crew/Koala Corp-teenagers who have been working hard to bring hot hip-hop moves to the Maritimes. Get more info at z103hali-fax.com.

From the streets to the nightclubs, entertainment for August is covered. The DJ Olympics are back.

Every Friday, beginning August 22, The Palace will be packed with the hottest spinners and music lovers. Top prize in each category is \$2,500, and there's something for everyone. House, techno, trance, jungle, drum and bass, rock, 80s and hip-hop DJ's will all be mixing live throughout the competition and as always, someone will have the last beat with the emcee and beatbox battles. The competition begins every Friday at 10:00 pm.

Some of the biggest names in Canadian music are taking on the Metro Centre this month, too. Avril Lavigne and her Best Damn Thing Tour hit this weekend. Simple Plan will follow next week's appearance on Canadian Idol with a Halifax show on August 21, with Faber Drive opening. Get tickets for both shows at ticketatlantic.com.

Have a hot weekend, dance like no one's watching and we'll see you on the waterfront

Hear Nikki Balch on the Z103.5 Morning Show with Jeff, Nikki and Shane, weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.

## Rock seeps into China

Olympics, search engine could change musical landscape

Sound **Check****Alan Cross**

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The thing I remember most about Beijing was how it tasted. Not the Peking Duck available along Wangfujing or the local delicacies at the Donghuanmen Night Market. It was the air: particulate lead, cadmium and chromium, seasoned with sulphur and garnished with dust from the encroaching Gobi desert. Whatever you've been reading about Beijing's pollution problem is not exaggerated. If anything, it's being underreported.

The second thing that struck me was how Western the city was trying to be. Young people are spending huge amounts on luxury goods, both real and fake. They also want to rock.



Alan's government-assigned guide in China had never heard of U2.

My state-assigned guide, Emily — real name: Wan Ting; her English teacher encouraged her Westernization by having her take the first name of her favourite writer, Emily Bronte — was most proud of the iPod Nano knock-off she bought at Silk Alley, the seven-floor state-sponsored temple to trademark infringement east of Tiananmen Square. Her playlists, however, were a little thin, consisting of lots of Celine Dion ("We love her in China!") and a female singer-songwriter from New Zealand of whom I had never heard, despite Emily's protestations that she was in fact very big all over the world.

Emily had never heard of U2 or Coldplay. She was aware of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, but claimed not to like anything they've done. And when I asked her where she got her music for her iPod, she said "Our government allows us to download whatever music we like from the Internet. We don't have to pay for our music like you do in the West!" She then launched into the glories of China's one child policy.

To be fair, there's not much of a music industry in China outside of the pirates who press counterfeit CDs. The main avenue for music discovery is online, usually through Baidu, the

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big Internet service.

But change is coming. First, Google launched a China-only music search engine this week that gives users access to free legal downloads. Second, hoards of Westerners are descending for the Olympics, many of whom are bringing along their morally corrupting rock music. Widespread access to rock launched social, economic, artistic, political and sexual revolutions in the West. Could the Olympics be the Trojan horse by which this virus is fully introduced into China?

More on China, the Olympics and rock next week.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

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**Bruff, Appleby give it another go**

Scrubs star Zach Bruff has reunited with former flame Shiri Appleby, nine months after they split. Friends confirm they are dating again. [IMDB.com](http://IMDB.com)



# Politics of TV ratings

**TALK THE VOTE:** As everyone from the Catholic Church to Sharon Stone has learned, playing politics is often a losing game, and now it seems that Oprah Winfrey is the latest to get an education in this elemental law of nature.

The New York Post's Page Six ran a story this week on how two University of Maryland economists had concluded that Winfrey had delivered a million votes to U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama in the Democratic primaries. Using "complex numerical formulas" based on book sales, TV ratings, voter turnout, mean average temperatures for primary states based on previous election years, traffic patterns, college enrolment figures, the price of oil and the number of times Randy Jackson said "dog"

**(Economists) were able to calculate that Winfrey was the motivating force behind precisely 1,015,519 primary votes for Obama.**

Rick McGinnis

during the last season of American Idol. Craig Garthwaite and Tim Moore were able to calculate that Winfrey was the motivating force behind precisely 1,015,519 primary votes for Obama, and his startling defeat of Hillary Clinton.

This manifestation of political clout is a double-edged sword, however, as it was earlier noted that Winfrey's ratings had dropped since she came out for Obama last fall. In a piece in the Los Angeles Times' Top Of The Ticket political blog,

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Andrew Malcolm detailed how Winfrey's show has lost half a million viewers since this time last year, and how her "favorable ratings had fallen from 74% to 66% while her unfavorable ratings jumped by more than 50% from 17% to 26%."

A mention of this shift last April, while the Democratic primaries were still a contested thing, prompted an avalanche of comments on the Times blog by female Hillary supporters angry about Winfrey abandoning what they considered the most viable female presidential candidate ever. As noted on several blogs at the same time was the likelihood a notable portion of Winfrey's viewership — stay-at-home mothers — might have been Republican supporters. Many commenters on the Times blog said they'd switched their allegiances to Ellen DeGeneres' show, while others claimed to have sold their TVs to buy ammunition.

Winfrey's ratings have been declining for much longer than the current election cycle, however, as the Times noted a drop in viewers from nine million during the show's zenith three years ago to 7.3 million today, with a 25 per cent loss of female audience between 25 and 54 during the same period. Still, it could have been worse; she could have endorsed Ralph Nader — or Ron Paul.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## Former manager sues Kudrow

**IN COURT** Lisa Kudrow may not be friends with her former manager, but she still has to pay him commissions, he claims in a lawsuit.

Scott Howard claims that the Emmy-winning actress failed to pay him commissions since she fired him in 2007. He is seeking damages of at least \$50,000 U.S.

Howard became Kudrow's manager in 1991, before she hit TV gold with Friends. During

her 10th year on the sitcom, Howard and Kudrow agreed to halve his commission rate to 5 per cent. Throughout her time on Friends and after, Kudrow paid all due commissions.

But since his firing, Kudrow allegedly has refused to pay Howard

commissions for Friends or other work she did while he was her manager. Kudrow declined comment.

She is not the only Friends star entangled with a former representative. Matt LeBlanc's former business manager sued him last year seeking at least \$1 million in unpaid commissions.

REUTERS



## Fox picks up Informant

**ADAPTATION** Another format from Down Under is making its way to American television.

Fox is developing The Informant. The show centres on Richard Button, a regular middle-class suburban dad who works as a police informant for an elite federal investigative agency.

Two upcoming comedies, NBC's Kath & Kim and Fox's Sit Down, Shut Up also are based on Australian formats. **REUTERS**

## FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Samantha Who	War of the Worlds *** (2005, Science Fiction)	Tom Cruise.		
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Of-Fortune	Jeopardy!		Mind Over Murder (2005, Suspense)	Tori Spelling.			Jeff Ltd.
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	From Beijing, Opening ceremony; beach volleyball, preliminary; cycling, men's road. (Live)							
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (HDTV)			Swingtown (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Family Guy	War of the Worlds *** (2005, Science Fiction)	Tom Cruise, Miranda Otto.				News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy!	Greek "The Rusty Nail"		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Without a Trace			News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Two/Half Men	Hollywood	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	From Beijing, (Live)			Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News							
55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On							Score Tonight
53	53	53	TSN	Golf: PGA Championship		SportsCentre	CFL Football	Montreal Alouettes at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (HDTV) (Live)				
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Pro Per"						The Cleaner
70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Under Siege *** (1992, Action)	Steven Seagal, Gary Busey.					Highlight
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	Guilty by Association *** (2002, Drama)				Divas
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation	Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Canada's Worst Handyman II		Man vs. Wild "Scotland"		Forensic
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	House Hunters	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Relocation
46	46	46	HST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Light Sleeper"		Lost Worlds		Final 24 Hunter S. Thompson.		NCIS
17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Instant Star	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		American Pie Presents: Band Camp		The Package *** (1989, Suspense)
206	206	206	PIX	(6:45) The Scaphunters *** (1968)		ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	End of Leash	Til Debt-Pat	Mr. Friday (N)	The List	Til Debt-Pat	Til Debt-Pat	In Laws
40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress
21	21	21	TLC	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	Kiss the Girls ** (1997, Suspense)		
22	22	22	W	The Next Star (N)		Spice World * (1997, Musical Comedy)	The Spice Girls.			The Next Star		Falcon Beach

## SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	World News Sat	Law & Order: SVU		Shark Tale ** (2004, Comedy)	Voices of Will Smith.			Eli Stone
7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE-S&M: Short & Male		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis		The Collector
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	From Beijing, Gymnastics, women's qualifying; swimming, finals; beach volleyball, preliminary. (Live)							
32	32	32	CBS	Golf: PGA Championship	Entertainment Tonight	renegadeexpress	renegadeexpress	The Unit "Off the Meter"		48 Hours Mystery (N)		48 Hr. Mystery
6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda	W-FIVE-S&M: Short & Male	Spirit Bear: The Simon Jackson Story (2005) (DVS)		Shark Tale ** (2004, Comedy)	Voices of Will Smith.			News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Olympic Zone		XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)		America's Most Wanted		Fox First
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	BodogFight	Hardcore Champ. Fight				Score Update		Score Update
53	53	53	TSN	Golf: PGA Championship		SportsCentre	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)					
16	16	16	A&E	Indiana Jones and the Ultimate Quest (HDTV)		The X-Files *** (1998, Science Fiction)	David Duchovny, Martin Landau					
70	70	70	APTN	MYTV (N)	Music Speaks	Rez Bluez "Bluez Legends"		Guides	Fish Out of	From the Spirit	Storytellers	Highlight
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Nat King Cole-Fall in Love		Broadway: The Golden Age (2004)		
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Jim Gaffigan
18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Krakatoa: Volcano of Destruction		Deadly Catch		Deadly Catch		Crisis Angel
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Flipping Out "Tear Down"		Holmes on Homes		Extreme-Home
46	46	46	HST	Mob Stories		NCIS "Enigma"		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors		
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		American Pie Presents: Band Camp (2005, Comedy)		So You Think You Can Dance		So You Think You Can Dance		Dance
206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy)		Emma Caulfield.		Time and Again (2007, Drama)	Brooke Burns.			Kenny-Spenny
39	39	39	SHOW	A Valentine Carol (2007, Romance)		Vanity Insanity		End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	Shear Genius
40	40	40	SLICE	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	My First Home	My First Home	Flip House	Howe-Home	The Real Estate Pro		Holmes-Homes
21	21	21	TLC	Moving Up (HDTV)		Divine Design	Divine Design	Divine Design	Divine Design	Little Black Book (2004, Romance-Comedy)		
22	22	22	W	Prank Patrol	Divine Design	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar-Last Air	Naruto	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks

## SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funnyest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
7	7	7	ASN	Alice, I Think	Alice, I Think	Funnyest Home Videos		To Be Announced		Sarah Connor Chronicles		Mad Men
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	From Beijing, Swimming, semifinals and finals; beach volleyball, preliminary. (Live)							
32	32	32	CBS	Golf: PGA Championship	60 Minutes	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case
6	6	6	CHIF	renegadeexpress	American Dad	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star (N)	Samantha Who	To Be Announced		Cold Case (HDTV)		Million Dollar Password		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Slaker"		"Til Death		The Simpsons	Family Guy	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)						
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlmit	BodogFight		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Score Update		Poker
53	53	53	TSN	Golf: PGA Championship		SportsCentre	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)					
16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons Family Jewels		Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys
70	70	70	APTN	Medicine Wmn	Tears	Black Cloud ** (2006, Drama)	Eddie Spears, Julia Jones.			North American Indigenous Games		
37	37	37	BRVO	Shameless-Art of Disability		Arts & Minds	Beyond-Screen	Glee Club	Pio Politi	Basic ** (2003, Suspense)	John Travolta.	
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	History Bites	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Lil' Bush (N)	Comedy Net
18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters "Pirates 2"		Rogue Nature "Hippo, Croc"		Left Earth: NASA Missions		Left Earth: NASA Missions		MythBusters
34	34	34	HGTV	Flipping Out "Tear Down"		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgins	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
46	46	46	HST	Lost Inventions		NCIS "Bete Noir"		Underworld Histories		Casino *** (1995, Crime Drama)		
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		So You Think You Can Dance	The final four perform.			So You Think You Can Dance		
206	206	206	PIX	Two Minute	(7:40) Never Say	Never Again *** (1983, Action)	Sean Connery.			About Last Night... (1986, Comedy-Drama)		
39	39	39	SHOW	Student Bodies	Billable Hours	Wide Awake (2007, Drama)	Missy Peregrym.			Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Layer Cake
40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Last 10	X-Weighted Dancer.		Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Biggest Loser
21	21	21	TLC	Lottery Changed My Life III		World's Tallest Man		My Shocking Story		Help! I'm a Hoarder		Heaviest Man
22	22	22	W	Little Bk Book	Hwd 10 Best	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury	A Family of Strangers (1993, Docudrama)		Mississippi		Missing
27	27	27	YTV	The Great Outdoors ** (1988, Comedy)	Dan Aykroyd, John Candy.			Prank Patrol		The Next Star		Falcon Beach

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## Going Out

# Calypso Tumblers contort to success

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**BUSKER FEST** He sort of rolled into the position of a performer. When he started with the Calypso Tumblers, Sylvan Bartlette was working as a manager for the acrobatic gymnasts.

"In New York, it was really hard to get men making money daily to take off an go to an audition for free," he said. "I quickly realized that if I wanted to survive in the business, I need to get in as a performer."

The 43-year-old will be among the members of the acrobatic, contortionist and comedic group performing on the waterfront as part of the Halifax International Busker Festival on the Halifax Waterfront.

### perform

• The Calypso Tumblers will be performing through Aug. 16 as part of the Halifax International Busker Festival on the Halifax Waterfront.

The group, which is based in New York City came to international attention last summer as one of the Top 10 finalists on America's Got Talent.

Still, Bartlette said audiences will be in for a surprise when they catch the act here in the city.

"The show on the street is better than any TV show we do," said the 43-year-old. "In the outside show, we try to educate



The Calypso Tumblers are performing all week on the Halifax Waterfront.

the youth, we have an anti-drug message, and we also talk about race — where we tell them there is only one race, the human race."

Bartlette said the original members of the group got their start watching king-fu movies — imitation people like Bruce Lee — and playing on the beaches in the Caribbean. It was after the founding members moved to New York in the 1980s, and say the city's packed street performance scene, that they honed a show.

"For the senior guys, and there are four guys who have been there past the 20 year barrier, it meant a lot to finally be known," he said about becoming America's Got Talent finalists.

"It's great, and it was a stepping stone for some of us who feel what we do is unique and different.

# Stalking, creepy spies a pleasure to paint

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**Living in his Vancouver high-rise apartment, Trevor Van den Ejnden would open his blinds to discover black birds — crows and ravens — appearing to watch him.**

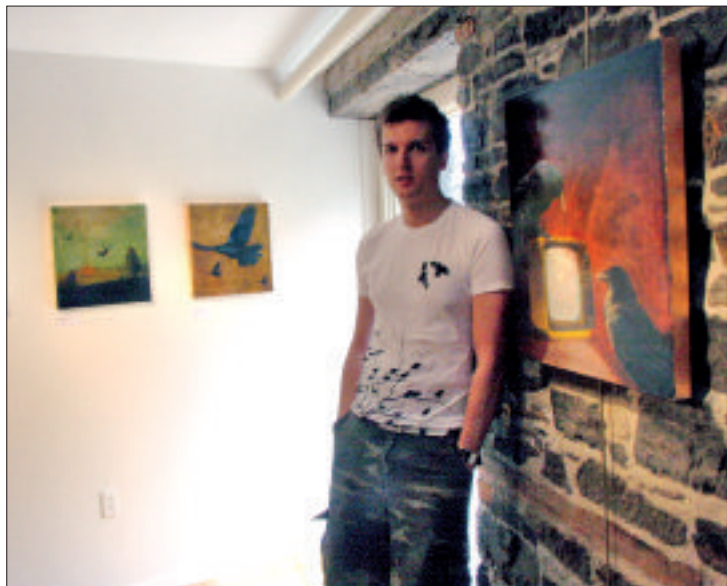
"There are probably more there than in any other cities I've lived in," said the NSCAD University graduate, who has a new show of works at Argyle Fine Art.

"They kind of seek me out and haunt me, I guess. There is an attraction there," said the Pictou-native. "Observing them, they act like spies and creepy things that stalk people in the night. They are funny creatures to watch."

In his exhibit — on display all month — Van den Ejnden has taken blackbirds out of their elements and set them amongst images of monitors, television sets and CDs, creating dark and quirky mixed-media works.

"Crows have such a foundation in the mythology of different cultures, folklore and myths, so they are a pretty well known icons and have different meanings to different people."

Van den Ejnden said he



Trevor Van den Ejnden said people have called his blackbird works dark, weird and funny.

began exploring this theme when he made a piece for Argyle Fine Art's food-based Sweet Tooth. That work featured blackbirds looking for their friends — who had been baked in a pie.

"They encouraged me to do more, and it snow-

ed from there and became a body of work."

His birds appear to shimmer — their black features showing elements of pinks and blues and other colours. The effect comes from the process he uses to create his pieces.

It starts with metal leafing, which Van den Ejnden places on the canvas and then tarnishes. He then adds transfer images to the surface and begins to paint using slow and thin layers. It can take months to complete a single work.

"It is wonderful and frustrating at the same time," he said about the process. "The idea is to keep the luminosity of the metal coming through."

### information

- What: Aethons Massing, works by Trevor Van den Ejnden
- Where: Argyle Fine Art
- When: Through Aug. 31. Opening reception tonight at 7 p.m.

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### In brief

**TICKETS** Early bird passes go on sale Monday for the Halifax Pop Explosion. GZA, Retribution Gospel Choir, Monotonix, Holy F—k and a reunited Inbreds are among the first acts announced for the event, which takes place from Oct. 21 through 25. Tickets will be available at all Ticketpro outlets in Atlantic Canada.

**CLIMATE** The Great Atlantic Blues & Beyond Festival has teamed up with the BlueBio Green Solutions to ensure all waste products at the September event is handled in an environmentally sustainable way.

**MUSIC** Seymour Stein, the co-founder of Shire Records — which helped put punk and new wave on the map — will be the keynote speaker at the Atlantic Film Festival's inspired music series on Sept. 18. Stein is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee. Tickets to see him are \$15. Visit ticketpro.ca. **METRO HALIFAX**



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2099 Gottingen St.

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1725 Grafton St.

**BUBBLES MANSION:** DJ Savory on Friday. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday.  
5287 Prince St.

**CELTIC CORNER:** The Plugs on Friday and Saturday.  
69 Alderney Dr.

**CHEERS:** Live music on Friday and Saturday.  
1743

Grafton St.  
**COACH'S PUB:** DJ Scott on

Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

**COLBY ALE HOUSE:** Dave Goyetche Trio on Friday.  
900 Cole Harbour Rd.

**DAVE DOOLITTLES:** Karaoke on Friday and Saturday.  
90 Tacoma Dr.

**THE DOME:** DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday.  
1663 Argyle St.

**DUTCHIE'S PUB:** Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

**ECONOMY SHOE SHOP:** Ronald Hyans Trio on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

**THE FIFE AND DRUM:** Boys Next Door on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

**FINBAR'S:** Vince Burke and Andrew Kent on Friday and Saturday.  
Sunnyside Mall.

**FOGGY GOGGLE:** Evan Kolovurd and Scott Thier on Friday. Mike Dalton and Donald MacLennan on Saturday. 1667 Argyle St.

**GINGER'S TAVERN:** Norma McDonald with Jason Haywood on Friday. Bill Travis and the Alamo Defenders on Saturday. 1662 Barrington St.

**GUS' PUB:** Montgomery Moth, The Damnsels, Bad Motels, and Dead Pinkertons on Friday. Olivier Jarda, Rich Aucoin, Lovesinger and John McKiel on Saturday. Electro-Chiac Therapy, the Fantods, Hoop Dreams, and Location Location Location on Sunday. 2605 Agricola St.

**HALIFAX ALEHOUSE:** The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday. 1717 Brunswick St.

**HARBOURFRONT ROOM:** Kate Quinn and The Sidelines on Friday through Sunday. Casino Nova Scotia.

**THE JOLLY MUG:** Dance and sing on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

**LION'S HEAD TAVERN:** Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

**LOWER DECK:** Pogey on Friday through Sunday. Signal Hill on Sunday. Historic Properties.

**MARQUEE CLUB:** Chicks with Decks on Friday. 2037 Gottingen St.

**MENZ BAR:** DJ Needles and DJ

Hey, hey, you, you, Avril Lavigne performs at the Halifax Metro this Sunday night.



Steven Bowers is performing at The Carleton on Wednesday in support of his new release, *Homing*.

Bear on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St.

**MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL:** Laurie the Guy on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. 6100 Young St.

**MONTES:** Helix on Friday. Headpins on Saturday. Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.

**NENAGH BAR:** Gord Kennedy on Saturday. 30 Farnham Gate.

**NICHE:** Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

**OAKMOUNT STATION:** Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.

**O'CARROLL'S:** The Gig Dogs on Friday and Saturday. David Stone on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.

**OLD TRIANGLE:** John Ferguson and Roger Stone on Friday and Saturday. 5136 Prince St.

**OUR FRIEND'S PUB:** Kitchen parties on Monday. John Snyder on

Thursday. 19 Norm Newmann Dr.

**THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB:** DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.

**PARKSIDE PUB:** Dance DJ on Friday. Saratoga on Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

**PEDDLER'S PUB:** DJ Mathe-matrix on Friday. Granville Mall.

**POGUE FADO:** The Saunders Brothers matinee on Saturday. 1581 Barrington St.

**THE RED FOX:** New Frontier on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.

**THE RED STAG:** Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

**REFLECTIONS:** Live DJs on Friday and Saturday. 5184 Sackville St.

**RODEO LOUNGE:** Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Mendiva on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilsley Ave.

**THE SEAHORSE:** Madison Avenue on Friday. Attack in Black, Shotgun Jimmie

and Baby Eagle on Saturday. 1659 Argyle St.

**THE SHORE CLUB:** The Hopping Penguins on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.

**THE SPLIT CROW:** Skullly on Friday and Saturday. Five Star Homeless matinee Saturday and night show on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

**STAYNER'S WHARF:** Steve Lawrence on Friday and Saturday. Jeff Goodspeed and friends on Sunday. 5075 George St.

**TRIBECA:** Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. Chris Martin and the Troubleshooters with The Grass and Laura Merri-men on Sunday. 1588 Granville St.

**WHICKEY'S LOUNGE:** Open Mic with Louisa and Friends on Saturday. 27-29 Portland St.

**WINSTON'S:** DJ on Friday. Under the Sun on Saturday. Karaoke on Wednesday. 278 Laceywood Dr.

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## galleries

### ANNA LEONOWEN'S:

Works by various artists. Through summer. 5163 Duke St.

### ARGYLE FINE ART:

Distance Forward, new works by Gordon MacDonald, and Aethons Missing, works by Trevor Van den Ejnden. Through Aug. 31

**ART 1274 HOLLIS:** Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.

**ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA:** Contemporaries, Tom Forestall paintings, and Nova Scotia folk art exhibition. Various dates. 1723 Hollis St.

### ART-PORT GALLERY:

Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

**CORRIDOR GALLERY:** Polar: VANS members exhibition. Through Aug. 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.

**CRAIG GALLERY:** Works by Ron Hazall. Through Aug. 24. Alderney Landing.

**DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY:** Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Aug. 22 through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.

**EYELEVEL GALLERY:**

Works by gallery members. 2063 Gottingen St.

**FRED GALLERY:** From New York to Nova Scotia,

paintings by Lynda Diamond. Through Aug. 17. 2606 Agricola St.

### HARBOURSIDE GALLERY:

Una Casetta in Canada. Through Aug. 26. Asahi: Leveling the Playing Field. Through Sept. 2. Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd.

**HYDROSTONE GALLERY:** Cross-pollination, works by various artists. 5519 Young St.

**GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE:** Works by various artist. Through summer. Granville Square.

**MARY E. BLACK GALLERY:** The Art of Collection. Through Sept. 4. 1061 Marginal Road.

**MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY:** Works by Kyla Mallett. Through Aug. 10. 166 Bedford Hwy.

**QUEEN STREET STUDIOS:** Work by Jeffery Baine. Through Aug. 26. 50 Queen St.

**SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY:** Euan MacDonald: Two Places at Once, curated by Ann MacDonald and Barbara Fischer. Opens Sept. 6 through Oct. 12. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

**SECOND GALLERY:** Recent works by gallery artists. Through summer. 6301 Quinpool Rd.



Melissa Marr's pencil and watercolour work, *Girl With Felt Coat And Green Eye* is among the works on display at Blink!, and extension of Argyle Fine Art, in the Harbourside Market.



The alfresco filmFesto continues this Friday night with the '80s classic *Stand By Me*. The movie will be screened outdoor on the side of the Electropolis on Queen's Quay at 9 p.m. or dusk.

**SEEDS GALLERY:** Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.

**STUDIO 21:** Contemporary art by various artists. Through summer. 1223 Lower Water St.

**VIEWPOINT GALLERY:** Temples of Sand, works by Joseph Szostak. Through August. 1272 Barrington St.

**ZWICKER'S GALLERY:** Works by various regional artists. Through summer. 5415 Doyle St.

## museums

**DISCOVERY CENTRE:** 100 Years: A Countdown to Life. Through September. 1593 Barrington St.

**MARTIME MUSEUM OF**

**THE ATLANTIC:** Halifax vs. Louisburg: The Final Siege. Through Sept. 1675 Lower Water St.

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:** Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St.

**PIER 21:** Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.

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Country singer Sammy Kershaw performs at the Rodeo Lounge in Dartmouth on Sunday.

lantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.

**PUBLIC GARDENS:** Summer concert series each Sunday, 1 p.m. Through Sept. 14. South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd.**to contribute:**

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**Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven:****1****Duffy**

Mercy! Singer Duffy, 24, looks poised to become as famous for her face as she is for her sultry voice now that she's fronting a Nivea campaign in the United States, the Daily Mirror reports. The wholesome ad spreads are set to run across 16 magazines later this month, from Vogue to Vanity Fair, reports the Mirror.

**2****Backstreet Boys tour with Girlicious**

Backstreet is back, all right. The '90s boy band has reunited for a North American tour, visiting dates across Canada. The group dazzles fans with its hit songs and signature dance moves. Kicking off the show is opening act Girlicious, a group formed by Pussycat Dolls creator Robin Antin. So whether you were a fan or are just becoming a fan of either group, this show has all of the fun and bubblegum pop that music's been missing.

**3****Big Brother**

The summer hit is now in its 10th season and it's just beginning to heat up. A group of strangers live together under one roof for 12 weeks for a chance to win \$500,000. Sounds easy? Houseguests are faced with physical and mental challenges to earn food, as well as the power to potentially send someone home. Now, viewers have begun voting online for their weekly "America's Player," to have a say as to what goes on in the house.

**4****Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Fourth Season**

Mark your calendars: Season 4 of the hit medical drama Grey's Anatomy, complete with doctors "McDreamy" and "McSteamy," comes out on DVD Sept. 9, but it's available to pre-order now on Amazon.ca. Seriously.

**5****Just Dance, by Lady Gaga**

People are going gaga for Lady Gaga's first single from her debut album, Fame, hitting stores next week. You can't help but dance to this The 22-year-old singer/songwriter's catchy tune.

**6****When You Are Engulfed in Flames, by David Sedaris**

If the title of David Sedaris' collection of essays isn't enough to grab your attention, his pieces on cringe-worthy moments coupled with humour just might.

**7****The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2: The Movie**

Following the success of the book series and the first movie, the sequel looks at how four girls have grown up separately, while still maintaining their friendships. It's a great film to see with a group of girlfriends.

**... and what's not****Vote for Paris?**

Socialite Paris Hilton has fired back at John McCain for using her in one of his campaign messages. She jokes about running for the U.S. presidency herself. While she speaks about serious issues for all of 20 seconds, she then mentions painting the White House pink and injects her catch phrases of "that's hot" and "loves it."



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## Celebrity Buzz

## Investigation into Heath's death closed

**LEGAL** The U.S. Attorney's Office closed its investigation into Heath Ledger's accidental overdose death and will not enforce a subpoena against Mary-Kate Olsen, a law-enforcement source has told People.

The probe was closed without any charges being filed.

Olsen, 22, was subpoenaed by a federal grand jury on April 23, but her attorney had been in negotiations with federal authorities since then, the source says.

Olsen had wanted immunity before testifying.

Olsen's attorney released a statement saying the actress "had nothing to do" with Ledger's drugs and had already provided "relevant information" to investigators.

The U.S. Attorney's Office and Olsen's rep both declined to comment.

Ledger, 28, was found dead in his New York apartment on Jan. 22, and the coroner determined the actor died of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs for pain, anxiety and sleep.

The federal probe focused on how he obtained Oxycontin and Vicodin, two powerful and often-abused painkillers for which Ledger had no prescription.

Masseuse Diana Wolozin found Ledger lying on his bed shortly after 3 p.m., and called Olsen three times, records show. The longest call lasted one minute and three seconds.

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## Sienna's pals speak up

**RELATIONSHIPS** Friends of Sienna Miller say the actress is no home wrecker — and she never would have gone near her new love, Baltazar Getty, if he was still with his wife, Rosetta, Page Six.com reports.

"She and Baltazar met through friends and he was already separated from his wife," one close as-

sociate told Page Six.

In fact, when Getty announced in July that he'd split up with Rosetta, the mother of his four children, "he'd been sleeping on friends' couches for six months."

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## celebrity brief

## Britney denies selling pictures

**RUMOUR** Britney Spears has denied brokering a deal with the paparazzi to take pictures of her on holiday in Mexico, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star has been accused of deliberately posing for photographers during a recent break in Cabo San Lucas and taking a cut of the sale price.

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## "This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Whenever you are faced with a sea of personal troubles, nothing beats focusing intently on the shortcomings and hardships of others to make you feel better. So I really can't blame **Amy Winehouse** for wanting to play the role of agony aunt on her father's radio show.

I would have to think twice before calling in, though. I mean, who in this world has problems that **Amy Winehouse** is going to think are serious? "Your boyfriend broke up with you? Really? Is he in jail for intimidating witnesses? Are you in trouble for obstructing justice? Are you a drug addict with possible emphysema?" If your question didn't involve asking about the best way to freebase cocaine in the back of a taxi, you'd feel bad for having bothered her.

I think the only people who ought to be seeking advice from our Amy are other celebrities.

"Hi **Amy**, it's **Sienna**. I just can't seem to stop wrecking homes. No, I'm not a workaholic contractor. I sleep with other women's husbands!"

"Hi **Amy**, you can call me **M-K**. I used to be on a TV show with my twin sister. A friend of mine is already taking prescription pills for pain, anxiety, and sleep disorders, and he wants to borrow some of mine. What should I do?"

"**Amy**, it's **Katie**. My husband purposely calls me by his own name and sleeps in a tinfoil box. Is that normal?"

## celebrity brief

## Amy wants to offer advice

**RADIO** Amy Winehouse wants to be an agony aunt on her father's radio show, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The troubled singer is reportedly keen to use her experiences to help others when her dad Mitch co-hosts a BBC London afternoon show on Sept. 1.

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## Privacy please: Kidman

**PEOPLE** Nicole Kidman and her husband Keith Urban have urged the media in her native Australia to leave the family alone during their visit to the country, imdb.com reports.

Kidman gave birth to the couple's first child, Sunday Rose, last

month in Nashville, Tenn., and they flew back to Kidman's hometown of Sydney on Wednesday to show off the tot to the actress' friends and family.

The couple refused to agree to a magazine deal and sell pictures of the new arrival, and Kidman fears the move may spark chaos during their holiday as photographers clamor to get the first pictures of the baby.

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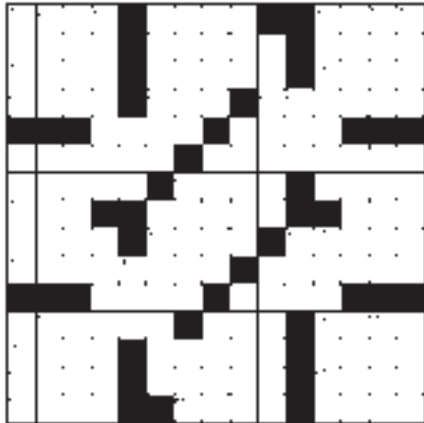
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**Mendes refuses talk on rehab**

Eva Mendes, right, who entered Utah's Cirque Lodge centre in February to tend to "some personal issues," is refusing to elaborate on her stint in rehab, reports femalefirst.co.uk. "I have to think of the pain it might bring my mother," she said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Take Five****Crossword down**

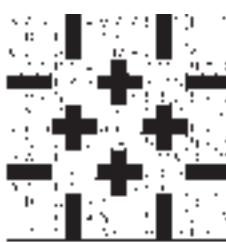
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- 15 Happens to
- 23 Diamond —
- 25 You don't say!
- 26 A long way
- 27 Fridge maker
- 28 Heist, slangily
- 29 Wave feature
- 30 Hollows
- 31 Puffs of wind
- 32 Mademoiselle's school
- 33 Not so sociable
- 35 Mom and Pop
- 38 Computer menaces
- 41 Tango requirement
- 43 Half a score
- 44 Fragrant stick
- 46 Choose
- 47 Calorie counter
- 49 "The Prisoner of —"
- 50 Second to none
- 51 Textbook category
- 52 In between
- 53 Daring deed
- 55 Baylor University site
- 56 Collar or jacket
- 57 Goes bad
- 60 Corp. execs

**Crossword across**

- 1 Indulge, plus
- 5 Stare at
- 9 El — (weather phenomenon)
- 13 Scent
- 14 Book jacket ad
- 16 QB — Kramer
- 17 Elvis' daughter
- 18 Mammoth
- 19 — Raton, Fla.
- 20 More, to some
- 21 Exasperate
- 22 Yes-man
- 24 Margin
- 26 Postcard, maybe
- 27 Build, as assets
- 30 Hamlets
- 34 Low ground
- 35 Topple over
- 36 — as it is
- 37 It has long arms
- 38 Mouse cousins
- 39 Sauce in a wok
- 40 Wren's abode
- 42 Seine moorages
- 43 Kind of role
- 45 Paintings, e.g.
- 47 Thicker, as fog

- 48 Musical work
- 49 Metallic element
- 50 Tigers and bears
- 53 Retainer
- 54 Still-life subject
- 58 Furry red Muppet
- 59 Big occasion
- 61 Its HQ is Brussels
- 62 Carpenter's wedge
- 63 Bulb planter
- 64 Glasgow resident
- 65 Surf maker
- 66 Milky Way unit
- 67 Vast ages

previous day's answer

**Horoscopes**

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

An asinine person tries to please a busy worker. Inspire a raving lunatic to find serenity. A stern man causes mayhem in a love life.

**TAURUS****APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Traveling leads to the disclosure of a secret. A beast of burden refuses to go on. Get your work done before indulging in fun times.

**GEMINI****MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Strange weather will interfere with a woman's plans. Keys and commands will baffle you. Be suspicious about unfamiliar packaging.

**CANCER****JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A thinker will send an invitation. Questionable tactics will strain communications. A scheming man wants you to give in.

**LEO****JULY 23-AUG 23**

An internet chat friend changes the tune. Anger erupts as irritation breaks loose. A speaker with the gift of gab teaches important lessons.

**VIRGO****AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A touch of madness puts everyone at ease. Someone seeks removal of an air of secrecy. Composure shatters when bad news arrives.

**LIBRA****SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Satisfaction results from a job well done. Your love life adjusts itself in a peculiar way. A stairway is the setting for a mysterious event.

**SCORPIO****OCT 24-NOV 22**

Accidents and road rage are likely. A troubled teen has a message that brings relief. An authority figure is given special treatment.

**SAGITTARIUS****NOV 23-DEC 21**

An old sweetheart is trying to find you. Someone has happy news of increasing income. Love will find an older woman.

**CAPRICORN****DEC 22-JAN 20**

A stupid misunderstanding leads to hurt feelings. A phone call gives reason for optimism. Someone dear to you will get an award.

**AQUARIUS****JAN 21-FEB 18**

Having a thoughtful discussion will ground you. Take care when talking about your love life. An over-eager man makes trouble.

**PISCES****FEB 19-MAR 20**

Don't start something that you can't finish. Play around with whimsical ideas. You're at the peak of your attractiveness.

**Sudoku**

				5	2			
			6	4	1			
1	3	2			5			
2			1	8		4		
	7					2		
	9		5	3			7	
		4			8	9	3	
		7		9	6			
		9	4					

previous day's answer

9	6	7	5	3	4	8	1	2
3	1	2	7	8	9	6	5	4
4	8	5	2	1	6	9	3	7
6	3	1	4	9	8	7	2	5
7	5	4	3	6	2	1	9	8
8	2	9	1	7	5	4	6	3
2	4	6	9	5	7	3	8	1
1	7	8	6	2	3	5	4	9
5	9	3	8	4	1	2	7	6

**HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:**

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

**SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:**

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13-17..... Scholar

17-21..... Smart  
21-25..... Not bad

25+..... Keep practising  
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**This day in history**

- AUG. 8, 1876: Thomas Edison receives a patent for his mimeograph.
- AUG. 8, 1908: Wilbur Wright makes his first flight at a racecourse at Le Mans, France. It's the Wright Brothers' first public flight and the French public goes wild.
- AUG. 8, 1947: Pakistan's National Flag is approved.
- AUG. 8, 1949: Bhutan becomes independent.
- AUG. 8, 1963: Great Train Robbery: In England, a gang of 15 train robbers steal 2.6 million pounds in bank notes.
- AUG. 8, 1991: John McCarthy, British Journalist held hostage in Lebanon for more than five years by Islamic Jihad, is released.

**Halifax weather****Afternoon**

Variable.  
21°

**Tonight**

Variable.  
16°

**Saturday**

Showers.  
22° / 14°

**Sunday**

Showers.  
20° / 14°

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**Monday**



Showers.  
22° / 16°

**Temperature Normals**  
High: 22.6°  
Low: 14.5°

**Records**  
High: 29.8°/2001  
Low: 10.6°/1948

Sunrise: 6:08 a.m.  
Sunset: 8:29 p.m.  
Moonrise: 2:21 p.m.  
Moonset: 11:26 p.m.

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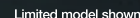


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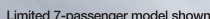
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